

Centerline

Newsletter



North Carolina Department of Transportation

Spring 2010

Message from the Director

Spring is in the air and the Governor's Highway Safety Program is gearing up for a busy summer season. The month of May is full of activities for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and our annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

To encourage agencies to host and participate in daytime checking stations, GHSP is offering unlimited points for daytime checking stations beginning May 17 through June 30.

We are very excited about all the events we have scheduled during the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. We have partnered with six minor league baseball teams across the state to host "Click It or Ticket" nights. Each ball park is offering discounts to anyone with a badge during our sponsorship nights. Please take advantage of an event near you. More information about the schedule of events is included in this issue.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer. Thank you again for your continued support of our efforts and highway safety campaigns.

Sincerely,
David Weinstein
Director



Above: (left to right) Deputy Norvin Forester with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office and Officer Ashley Walker with the Durham Police Department in front of an ABRAMS Tank in Mosul, Iraq.

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

As the weather improves, more motorcyclists will be hitting our highways. Gov. Bev Perdue has proclaimed May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to remind both motorcyclists and other drivers of the importance of motorcycle safety and sharing the road.

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, North Carolina has more than 204,000 registered motorcycles and more than 500,000 licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit.

In 2009, according to the Department of Transportation, North Carolina had more than 3,500 motorcycle crashes, resulting in 151 rider fatalities.

To kick off the month, GHSP, in conjunction with Camp Lejeune held a media event May 6 at Bogue Field aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.



Above: (left to right) Rockingham Police Department Officers Glen Harris, Lee Bailey and Cheyenne Revels with their new traffic truck and trailer.

May 24–June 6, 2010



Join Us at the Following “Click It or Ticket” Baseball Nights

May 24

Durham Bulls

**Kickoff Event* 3 P.M.*

GAME 7:05 PM

Everyone with a badge gets in 1/2 price.

First 1,000 guests will receive Click It Eye Glass Clips.

May 26

Carolina Mud Cats

GAME 7:15 P.M.

Everyone with a badge gets in FREE.

First 500 guests will receive Click It Eye Glass Clips.

May 28

Kinston Indians

GAME 7 P.M.

Everyone with a badge gets in FREE.

First 500 guests will receive Click It Eye Glass Clips.

FIREWORKS NIGHT

June 1

Greensboro Grasshoppers

GAME 7:05 P.M.

First 200 guests with a badge get in FREE.

First 1,000 guests receive Click It Eye Glass Clips.

June 3

Kannapolis Intimidators

GAME 7:05 P.M.

Everyone with a badge gets a \$4 discount.

First 500 guests will receive Click It Eye Glass Clips.

June 5

Asheville Tourists

GAME 7:05 P.M.

Everyone with a badge gets in FREE.

First 500 guests will receive Click It Eye Glass Clips.

Saved by the Belt Award

**Submitted by Sergeant Terry Spry,
Kannapolis Police Department**

On March 26, 2007, the Kannapolis Police Department responded to a traffic crash with injuries. Upon arrival, officers found a woman pinned in a 1996 Honda Accord. She was conscious, but disoriented. At the crash site there was also an unresponsive man lying next to a 1988 Chevrolet pickup. It appeared that he had suffered some type of head injury. The investigation revealed that the 1988 Chevrolet had crossed over the center line and struck the 1996 Honda head-on.

The driver of the 1988 Chevrolet, who was unrestrained and impaired at the time of the crash, was ejected from the vehicle and later died as a result of his injuries. The driver of the 1996 Honda, who was restrained, suffered broken bones but did not have any long lasting injuries. It was obvious from examining the extensive damage to both vehicles that the decision by the driver of the Honda, Ms. Brittany Carpenter, to wear her seatbelt saved her life. The Kannapolis Police Department presented her with a Saved by the Belt Award.



Above: (left to right) Officer M.B. Rowland, Brittany Carpenter and Officer E.B. Ashworth.



Above: Brittany Carpenter's car at the crash scene.

2011 GHSP Wall Calendars

The deadline for photo submissions for the 2011 GHSP Calendar is August 23, 2010. Priority consideration will be given to those agencies who have not been featured in the past two years. Pictures should feature traffic officers, cars or equipment.

Agencies can be creative in determining the location and background of the photograph (we just need the photograph, please do not design a layout). All pictures must be 300 dpi at final size in either JPEG or TIF formats. Submission should be sent to GHSP on a cd marked 2011 Calendar. Please include all names in left to right sequence.



Above: (left to right) Officer Daniel Propst and Officer Wayne Maske with the Waxhaw Police Department in front of their cars and traffic trailer.



Above: Officer Justin Dagenhart with the Troutman Police Department received the "Best Display of Equipment" at the 2010 Alexander County Crime Stoppers Day.

Upcoming Campaigns Dates and Deadlines

Week	Dates of Enforcement	Reports Due
"Click It or Ticket"		
Week 1	May 24-31	5 p.m., June 1
Week 2	June 1-June 6	5 p.m., June 7
Operation Firecracker "Booze It & Lose It"		
Week 1	June 28-July 5	5 p.m., July 6
Labor Day "Booze It & Lose It"		
Week 1	Aug. 20-22	5 p.m., Aug. 23
Week 2	Aug. 23-29	5 p.m., Aug. 30
Week 3	Aug. 30-Sept. 7	5p.m., Sept. 7
Child Passenger Safety Week		
Week 1	Sept. 20-26	5 p.m., Sept 27

Important Note

We have changed Child Passenger Safety Week into a reporting week to encourage agencies to participate in the various educational events taking place that week through North Carolina Safe Kids. Visit their Web site for more information:
<http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/safekids>



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